

Chapter 5 Thunder





I'M A
LITTLE
THIRD

I
WANNA
DEAR A
CUP OF
COFFEE
SOME-
WHERE.

LET'S GO
TO THE
MOVIES
NEXT



I DON'T
THINK IT
WOULD BE A
GOOD IDEA
TO LET ME
A LOVELY
HOMETOWN
MEMBER,
MEET WITH
RITSU.

...FIVE
STAR
CAFE,
HUH!?!
NO...



THEN
LET'S GO
TO THAT
CAFE YOU
ALWAYS
GO TO.

IT'S
THE ONE
NEAR
HOME,
RIGHT?



I'LL
CARRY
THIS
STUFF
FOR
YOU.

SNATCH

SO
LET'S
GO.



I WANT
TO GO
TO THE
PLACE
THAT
YOU
ALWAYS
GO TO.

SOME-
PLACE
AROUND
HERE
WILL
DO.

LOOK,
THEY
HAVE
PASTAITS
HERE.





MMM.
HOW
CUTE.



NICE
MEETING
YOU,
RITSU.



I'M RITSU,
MEI-CHAN.

HELLO.
MY
NAME'S
MEI.



GOT
IT.

I DON'T
NEED ANY
FRENCH
TOAST



MMM.
WHAT TO
CHOOSE?

WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING TO
HAVE,
MEI-
CHAN?



I'LL
HAVE
THE
TAPIOCA
MILK
TEA
THEN!

THE
TAPIOCA
MILK TEA IS
POPULAR
WITH YOUNG
KIDS.

IF YOU'RE
HUNGRY,
I ALSO
RECOMMEND
THE FRENCH
TOAST.









THERE'S
NO WAY
I CAN
TELL
YOU ABOUT
RITSU

AKI
SEEMS
LIKE AN
UPRIGHT
PERSON.

NO, THAT
COULDN'T
BE

I
HATE
TO...

Don't
look
just
where
you
are

They
just
look
like
it

IS THAT
WHY HE
APPROACHED
ME?

WHY WAS
AKI WITH
HER
ANYWAY?
HE'S NOT
WITH
LOVELY
HOMETOWN
TOO, IS HE?

WHY WAS
AKI WITH
HER
ANYWAY?
HE'S NOT
WITH
LOVELY
HOMETOWN
TOO, IS HE?





WHAT
KIND OF
URGENT
BUSINESS
IS THAT? I'M
ABOUT TO
HAVE
DINNER...



HE
SEEMED
TO BE IN
A HURRY
BUT HE
MADE
A CALL
PAGE.



OH, IT'S
NOT HURRY
HE WAS
SPEAKING
FAMILIARLY
REALLY SO
THAT'S
WHAT I
ASSUMED



IT'S NOT
NOTHING
HAPPENED
BETWEEN
US.



SHE'S ONE
OF LOVELY
HOMETOWN'S
HITMEN. ISN'T
SHE?!

I SAW
YOU THIS
AFTER-
NOON.
THAT GIRL
YOU WERE
WITH...



COME
OUT
HERE.

I'M RIGHT
NEAR THE
SHOP YOU
WERE AT.
I WANT TO
TALK WITH
YOU RIGHT
AWAY.

HUH?



RINGS

BEEP

YOU-
KASAP
IT'S
AKI.

AKI.



—TSUKASA,
CALM DOWN
AND LISTEN
TO ME.



YOU'RE NOT,
RIGHT?!
YOU'RE NOT
WITH LOVELY
HOMETOWN,
ARE YOU?!



WAIT
FOR ME
BEHIND
THE MOVIE
THEATER!

IT'S
CHOUAN
CINEMA!
GOT IT?!



BUT WE
CAN'T
MEET
NEAR THIS
SHOP!

I DON'T
WANNA
MEET
HERE!



OTHER-
WISE, I'LL
BE IN
DANGER,
TOO.

Always
Always

火鍋・菜 火鍋・菜
NOW 三
THAT HE'S
FOUND OUT
ABOUT ME,
I HAVE TO
EXPLAIN
WHAT MY
CIRCUMSTANCES
ARE



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IF YOU DEFEND HIM,
THAT PUTS
YOU ON THE
SIDE OF THE
DRAGON'S
BEARD..

...WHAT
ABOUT
YOU,
SONOON-
OK?

ANGER
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I JUST
HAPPENED
TO BECOME
ACQUAINTED
WITH HIM!
AND BECOME
CAUGHT UP
IN THIS
MESS!!

HOW DO
YOU COME
TO THAT
CONCLUSION?!!
I DON'T GIVE
A DAMN
ABOUT
DRAGON'S
BEARD OR
LOVELY
HOMETOWN!!



AFTER
MAKING
HIM SELL
DRUGS, NOW
THEY'RE
TELLING
HIM TO KILL
PEOPLE!

HE'S
JUST A
FACTORY
WORKER WHO
WAS TRICKED
BY THE MAFIA
AND BROUGHT
TO THIS
TOWN—
HE AND HIS
WIFE!

THE
SAME
THING
GOES
FOR
HIM!

SCETCH
PENDING









IF HE DOES COME, I WON'T SHOW HIM ANY MERCY THOUGH.

WELL, FROM THE LOOKS OF THINGS, YOU COULD BE RIGHT.



HE WON'T SHOW UP IN FRONT OF YOU GUYS EVER AGAIN!!



HE SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT FOR RITSU'S SAKE AS WELL, THEY NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE RIGHT-AWAY.

TSUKASA WAS IN A STATE OF CONFUSION, BUT IF HE CALMS DOWN AND THINKS THINGS THROUGH, HE SHOULD UNDERSTAND.

— THAT WON'T HAPPEN.



RITSU...

OPEN
4
3
2
1





I
DROPPED
BY FOR A
VISIT

HEY
WELCOME
BACK.



NO, I
DOUBT
THAT

DID YOU
GET EVEN
PRETTIER
AFTER
COMING
HERE
TO THE
CITY?



I WAS IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
AND THOUGHT
I'D COME SEE
YOUR WIFE SINCE
IT'S BEEN A
WHILE.

I'M
RELIEVED
TO SEE
SHE'S
DOING
WELL..



YOU'RE NOT
THINKING OF
RUNNING
AWAY ARE
YOU?



THANK YOU
FOR THE
DELICIOUS
TEA,
MADAM.

WELL,
I GUESS
I'LL BE
TAKING MY
LEAVE
THEN.



OR DON'T
YOU CARE
ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENS TO
YOUR WIFE AND
THE KID SHE'S
PREGNANT
WITH?

HURRY
UP AND
DO IT.



EVEN IF
YOU GO TO
HELL
DOING SO.

YOU'RE
MINE TO
USE.



YEAH,
I DRANK A
LITTLE
TOO MUCH
WITH SOME
FRIENDS.
I'M GONNA
JUST GO
TO BED

ARE YOU
FEELING
SICK?
ARE YOU
OKAY?



YOU
GOT
BACK
EARLY
TODAY.



HE DIDN'T
TELL YOU
ANYTHING
STRANGE,
DID HE?

DID
SOME-
THING
HAPPEN,
TSUKA-
SA?



HE WAS
SMILING,
BUT...

...I WAS
SURPRISED
WHEN
SHINZEN-
SAN CAME
OVER
WITHOUT ANY
WARNING.



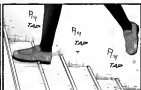
EVERY-
THING'S
FINE...

...I'M OKAY.
THERE'S
NOTHING
FOR YOU
TO WORRY
ABOUT.











SOONNNNNNN

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FLASH
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